रेल मन्त्रालय में उप मन्त्री (श्री अजय सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) दमन गंगा परियोजना के 3 क्रासिंगों और कर्जन परियोजना के 9 क्रासिंगों पर रेलवे के हिस्से से संबंधित निर्माण कार्य पहले ही पूरा किया जा चुका है। शेष दमन गंगा पर 4 क्रासिंगों, गुहाई, सूखी और देव प्रत्येक परियोजना पर एक-एक और कर्जन परियोजना पर 3 क्रासिंगों का कार्य प्रगति के विभिन्न चरणों में हैं ।

Flouting of Minimum Wages Law in Rajasthan

3723. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan Government is flouting minimum wages law for work done under the famine relief programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the hundreds of villages of Jal Panchayat in Bheem Tehsil of Udaipur district refusing to accept anything less than the minimum wages and 19 of them resorting to hunger strike for six days at the SDM's office; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to avoid this kind of high handedness by the Government of Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employment of Watchmen in F.C.I. Sangrur

3724. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN :
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has engaged about 300 watchmen in District Sangrur (Punjab) through a contractor;

(b) if so, whether this has been done in violation of the Government of India notification No. S.O.-779(E) dated 19th December, 1976 and No. 20(6)-82-IS-III dated 25th November, 1982 prohibiting employment of watchmen, peons, sweepers etc. through contractor;

(c) whether Government are aware that these watchmen are being paid wages only about Rs. 435/- per month whereas those employed on regular basis by the FCI and doing exactly the same nature of work receive around Rs. 2000/- per month in violation of Rule 25(2) (V) (a) of Contract Labour (R&A) Rules; and

(d) what are the reasons for making a part of the recruitment through a contractor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Self Financing Scheme for Commercial Flats

3725. DR. ABRAR AHMED FHAN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the DDA had advertised a self-financing scheme for commercial flats in a multi-storeyed building on plot No. 61, Nehru Place District Centre, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what was the total number of applications received as also the number of flats allotted to the public after the draw of lots;

(c) the total amount of money paid by the allottees of different flats on the aforesaid plot;

(d) whether it is a fact that the DDA has not started construction of the flats so far and has rather transferred the entire plot to one public sector undertaking; and

(e) what are the reasons therefor and whether any steps have been taken to offer alternative flats to those affected ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 133 applications were received for the Nehru Place Distt. Centre and all were allotted flats through draw of lots.

(c) Approximately Rs. 1.62 crores.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Construction could not commence due to ban on high-rise buildings imposed by the Government of India in October, 1985. Out of 133 registrants, 87 withdrew their registration, while 13 cases were cancelled due to non-payment of instalments. The remaining 33 registrants have been offered commercial flats at Bhikaji Cama Place.

Regularisation of watchmen in F.C.I.

3726. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of watchmen employed by the Food Corporation of India in Punjab have not been regularised though they have been working since 1986; and

(b) if so, whether the denial of status and right of permanent workmen to them is not violative of the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India have reported the position in this regard was that FCI has appointed licenced contractors in some depots for providing security services and such contractors employ security guards, even though FCI is registered as the Principal employer. The question of regularisation of security guards employed by contractors does not arise.

Running of Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Madras

3727. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Madras; and

(b) if so, by when this proposal would be taken up and the present stage in which it is being considered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrival of Trains

3728. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
T. A. MOHAMMED :
SAQHY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many times, Tamil Nadu Express, GT Express, AP Express and Karnataka Express have reached their respective destinations late during the last three years, year wise, train-wise and destination-wise figures;

(b) what are the technical reasons for this wanton delay; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to run these trains as per schedule; if so, the details there of?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Mainly un-avoidable reasons like agitations, bandhs, alarm chain pulling, cyclonic weather, accidents and equipment failures.

(c) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring.